

From Washington

Our private accounts from Washington represent the President and his cabinet to be in a state of great difficulty and doubt, relative to their best policy on appointments—removals—Texas annexation—the selection of newspaper officers, &c., &c. Mr. Polk declares nothing will induce him to be a candidate for re-election, and accordingly the cabinet and the *cliques* will soon be busy about his succession. Mr. Buchanan is considered a candidate for the succession by his friends—so is Mr. Dallas by his—so, also, are Calhoun, Wright, Cass and Stewart, each having their respective friends. It is now believed that many removals will take place—and some suppose that the new position of the Texas question will cause a re-organization of

the cabinet in a few months. "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble."

[Correspondence of the Herald.]

WASHINGTON, March 25, 1845.

The Cabinet has at last made a move, and the following appointments have been made, namely: Marcus Morton, ex-standing candidate of the democrats of Massachusetts, is appointed Coeclor of the Port of Boston; General McNeil, Surveyor of Boston; and Robert Kantoil United States District Attorney. It is also reported that General White of Maine, has been appointed Navy Agent at Boston, and a considerable number of persons express great indignation therat, for some reason or another. Some wonder if old Massachusetts can find office seekers enough for all the offices in the State that they are to have men appointed from other States, while others think Gen. White is the last man that should be appointed, though the

The *quid nunc* meanwhile are speculating lustily as to the action of the Cabinet, and what appointments are going to be made. Each one is inquisitive to know where and when the next blow is to fall, and the other is anxious to know whether the President will show his hand as to that city, previous to the charter election; some maintaining that he should not do so, but delay until after the election; and others saying that he should immediately come out and make whatever removals he may desire, before the election is over. A great deal of anxiety is also expressed to figure the principles upon which President Polk will proceed in making removals, and many speculations and surmises, and guesses, are formed thereupon, to all of which the only reply that can be made is, that the Cabinet has not yet decided upon any principle.

Among the appointments which are spoken of here as being likely to be made beside that of Mr. Elmore, for England, Mr. Harris is mentioned as being the probable recipient of the appointment

I have learned that the relationship of the "o" of "organ" that is to be, has been tendered to Mr. Ritchie, Chief of the Richmond Equiter, but refused, who was to be telephoned by him, from John F. H. Claiborne, Editor of the Richmond Equiter, and John F. H. Claiborne, Editor of the Richmond Equiter, on a very good authority, that the "o" was to be, "the organ", though under different supervision, to that at present obtaining. An arrangement was said to have been made, which only requires completion, by which Mr. Blair, as to the "o" of "organ", would be supplied by two or three individuals, whose names are not mentioned. This may be true, and upon the source from which I derived this information, place great reliance, though it appears to me that the time, be rather unlikely that Mr. Blair would not, if he should be so, be supplied with such a "o", which he would be unable to demand. A short time, however, will probably reveal the secret, and it will be seen, which of the many reports of the

the *Globe* and *True Time*, and the *Washington* and *Washingtonian* as a paper true, and if should be the influence of the administration be brought to bear to obtain for it the Congressional printing money and under new management it would most probably obtain on the faith of its promising well, and sustaining the whole party up to the House of Representatives. Mr. Trumbull, who is a very large man, who must be taken into consideration in all speculations regarding the *Globe*, and who the demagogues existing among the *Signs*, and their various struggle for power, the influence which the *Globe* exerts is an element of considerable importance, and it is not to be supposed that the *Globe* is a paper without influence, and it is an auxiliary in the furtherance of his ambitious aspirations for himself, or to act as a check upon the power that be, by fear of its opposition and influence. Whether, therefore, he will suffer the control of its columns to pass out of his power, is a question which may be supposed to be considered by the *Globe*.

(Jones' paper) to annexation, and the curious position grounds on which it places its opposition, which would be most effectively bar annexation altogether, is no place for a writer who has been so long in the habit of developing in this paper, has excited considerable remark and discussion here and there among the strenuous Texas men say, that though Mr. Jones controls the columns of, and writes for, the *Register* (as Benton does the *Globe*), yet that Mr. Jones is not the people of Texas, nor does he, in any manner, represent them. He is a man, and he says that as soon as the news of the passage of the resolutions reaches Texas, he will be compelled to call an extra session of the Texan Congress, for he were disposed to dispose of and defeat annexation, the people won't let him; and bowie knives are drawn, and the Texan Congress is being practiced to allow President Jones to remain President long, if he proved refractory. This is the manner in which they talk, and they say that Texas will accept the resolutions with open arms. The opponents of the measure, on the other hand, are equally noisy, and consequently will not be speedily, and

quote a number exclaim, "I knew it, I knew it; always said Texas would not accept, and so she won't be annexed after all," and congratulate themselves, and their friends and cronies, and take a merry drink on the strength of this (so they cheer) and conclusive intelligence of the failure of annexation.

WASHINGTON, (Tuesday) March 25, 1845.

*The Organ chosen, and how—Portrait of Felix Grundy presented to Captain Polk and accepted—Polite way of dismissing Visitors—The Texas Association in Texas—Sir Robert Peel, Mr. Buchanan and the Tariff.*

So the "Globe" is to be the organ, as every body expected, who considered the relations of that paper with the throne, and the powers behind the throne—the services of that paper—the strength of its influence, and capital it commands. In Cabinet Council on Saturday last, the "Organ" we learned, was the subject of consideration, and the

Following is issued to have been the vote:

For the Globe, under Mr. Blair—Messrs. Bancroft, May, Cy, Johnson.

For the Madisonian, under Mr. Ritchie—Messrs. Buchanan, Mason, Walker.

Whereupon Captain Polk decided the question in favor of the "Globe."

Mr. Buchanan's vote requires an explanation.

The Cabinet have been sitting for a number of hours to-day, but of the subject under examination we have not been informed. Jonathan Elliott, Esq., author of Elliott's Debates, the Diplomatist, and the Statesman, a popular and able writer, has painted a beautiful portrait in oil of the late Felix Grundy. Captain Polk was so well pleased (Elliott being no office holder) that he accepted the portrait, and had it hung up among the apostles of democracy and Christianity in his bed chamber.

What a man! I am proud to think that this "What was" is a great honor to him. The Democratic party will feel the great concourse at the Dem's House after an hour this morning. The President, finding it impossible to accommodate the applicants in detail,

No removals, it appears, are made without a consultation of the whole Cabinet. "Fair and soft" goes far in a day," but not far enough for our waiting friends. If discharges are not made more rapidly, many of the expectants will have to leave the city, as many have done, without even the consolation of old clo'. The President is raising a storm by his caution, which will be caution to him to move faster, if open complaint on every hand mean any thing. But he is right. Many removals will be made, and there will be general satisfaction in the end. Prudence is the only virtue and patience will be the surest passport to office.

An old and intelligent citizen of Texas, who has promised us some interesting facts respecting that country for publication in the *Herald*, declares it as his opinion that the opposition to annexation, a fact which he has no doubt is a very general one, is the popular sentiment. President Jones and several popular office seekers, he says, are at the

bottom of this opposition—yet he is apprehensive that insignificant in numbers as this anti-annexation clique is in Texas, their adroitness may prevent the assembling of a convention in season to act upon the proposition submitted from the United States, against the reassembling of Congress. The safety of Texas from a Mexican invasion, since the intestine troubles with Santa Anna, has had